Sir, I share the concern of my hon. friend from Srinagar and there is no doubt that these activities are on the increase and the direct impact of these activities in regard to which I want to invite the attention of the hon. Home Minister is this that anti Indian feeling among the citizen of India in the valley is on the increase and we are ow countering it by sufficient, vigorous national propaganda.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is not relevant.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: I want to know...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You please read the question.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: I am asking him whether in order to stop these anti-Indian activities, any propaganda schemes are undertaken by the Home Ministry...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bhandare, you are a senior Member...

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: I knod...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is whether the arrest of 23 persons in Jammu and Kashmir... ..

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Correct. But they come and foul the minds of the Indian residents there. That is the question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Not allowed. This question is about gun-running and cattle-lifting. Question No. 446.

*446. [*The questioner (Dr. C. Silvera) was absent. For answer* vide col. 33-34 *infra*].

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, we will take up the next Question. Question No. 446-A.

SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Sir, Question No. 446-A.

SHRI B.R. BHAGAT: (a) Yes, Sir.

SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Sir, there is so much of noise I cannot hear anything.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, there is so much of noise and therefore people are not able to hear the answers. Will all of you please keep a little more silent? It is Q. No. 446-A.

SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: It is about Vietnam.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Quite right. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan, Will you please look at me for a minute? This is Question No. 446-A, which you have put. Now the Minister will answer.

Agreement with Vietnam

†446-A. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether an economic package agreement was concluded recently at the second meeting of the Indo-vietnam Joint Commission on the eve of the recent visit of the Prime Minister to that country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what follow-up action has been taken or is being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) (a) Yes, Sir.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Maimoona Sultan.

(b) During the Joint Commission meeting, agreement, in principle, was reached as under:—

(i) to extend a fresh Government credit of Rs. 15 crores to Vietnam for economic development. The purposes/objects for utilisation of credit and terms and conditions will be discussed and finalised scheduled.

(ii) unpaid interest dues on previous Government credits upto end of December, 1985 will be rescheduled.

(iii) provision of a fresh Indian Commodity Loan of 1,00,000 tonnes of wheat to Vietnam, during the period 1986-87, to help overcome shortfalls in agricultural output caused by natural calamities,

(iv) Provision of Indian technical assistance and training to help improve productivity in various sectors of agriculture and industry in Vietnam, including Small Industries.

(c) Action to conclude various agreements is being taken in consultation with the Ministries|Departments concerned in India and through diplomatic channels with the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Sir, I look at you but my question is addressed to the hon. Minister.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am grateful to you.

SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Sir, I shall avail of this opportunity to congratulate the hon. Prime Minister for his very successful visit to Vietnam, which has been a great success. Sir, it is a matter of pride for all of us that the Prime Minister received not only the warmest affection from all sections of the people in Vietnam in the fullest measure, but also because the Prime Minister of Vietnam hailed the Prime Minister as the outstanding co-ordinator of the work of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi. Sir, in the context of the economic agreement arrived at, may I know what are the terms of agreement arrived at in the field of oil exploration, whether this work will be done by the ONGC independently or in co-operation with Petroleum Vietnam and what its other details are? And, I want to know when this one is going to start.

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: Sir, I fully reciprocate the views and sentiments of the hon. Member regarding the outstanding success of the visit of the Prime Minister to Vietnam. As one who saw this, who witnessed it, it is a scene to be believed. There was no end to the tremendous applause of the people of Vietnam and leaders for the people of India, for the liberation movement and for Gandhiji, Jawaharlal Nehru and Shrimati Indira Gandhi. Sir, in regard to the question of oil-co-operation, a memorandum of understanding has been signed between the Oil and Natural Gas Commission of India and Petro Vietnam for possible co-operation in the exploration of oil in two blocks in South Vietnamese off-shore area. The ONGC will conduct further studies and evaluation in this regard.

SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Sir, whatever the people may say, this visit has been of very great significance not only for us, the people of vietnam and India, but for the rest of the world also. Now, Sir, during the Prime Minister's visit to Vietnam when the highest award of the land was conferred, the award of Golden Star was conferred, on Shrimati Indira Gandhi for her tremendous achievement and efforts for the reunification of Vietnam, it is reported that the Prime Minister in the

most touching tribute came out with the observations that Mrs. Gandhi's life was dedicated for fighting against those people who were fighting against oppression and all that. In this context, may I know whether international situation was also discussed by the Prime Minister with the Vietnamese leaders and particularly so in relation to China. If so, may I know the broad details of it.

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: The conferment posthumously on our late Prime Minister, Shrimati Indiar Gandhi of the highest award, Gold Star, was the major event of this programme in which the people of Vietnam participated in very large measure and in this visit, wide-ranging talks on aspects of our relationship, bilateral relations, international situation etc. were discussed and also the area of agreement and understanding which already exists on most of the issues, was further strengthened.

श्री रामचन्द्र भारद्वाज : मान्यवर, प्रधान मंत्री जी की इस यात्रा के लिए जितनी बधाई दी जाय, कम है। हमारा देश-वियतमान के संघर्ष के साथ बराबर रहा। बराबर भारत का नेतृत्व रहा। श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी जो वियतनाम जाना चाहती थीं, लेकिन वह वहां नहीं पहुंच सकीं। ये भारत के प्रथम प्रधान मंत्री है जो वियतनाम गये। इसलिए ये विशेष बधाई के पात्र है कि वे ऐसे मित्र देश के यहां गये। श्रीमती सैमना सुल्तान जी ने कुछ प्रश्न किये। उन्हीं प्रश्नों से मेरा प्रश्न भी निकलता है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि जो करार हुए वे किन क्षेत्रों में हुए? केवल आयल या नेचुरल गैस का ही सवाल नहीं है। सवाल यह है कि क्या कृषि और उद्योगों के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में भी इस प्रकार के करार की कोई बात हुई है जिनमें भारत आगे आकर वियतनाम के साथ काम करे या वियतनाम को मदद दे? क्या करार की कोई शर्त तय हुई है? जैसा कि अखबारों में हम लोगों ने पढ़ा कि तेल के मामले में यह शर्त आई कि आपस में तेल का बंटवारा करेंगे, कृषि के संबंध में शायद यह शर्त आई कि हम एडिबल आयल के लिए वहां के कृषि से उपज प्राप्त करेंगे। मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि इन सब शर्तों में क्या स्थिति रही क्यों कि जैसा वहाँ के विदेश मंत्री ने कहा है कि यहां का बांस का बीज वहाँ बड़ा अनुकूल पड़ा है, मतलब यह है कि भारत का वियतनाम के प्रति मैत्री का बीज इतना अनुकूल पड़ा है कि एक वटवृक्ष तैयार हो गया है और उस वटवृक्ष के नीचे क्या निकला है, यह मैं जानना चाहता हूं?

श्री बलिराम भगत : माननीय सभापति जी, मैं माननीय सदस्य को और सदन को भी याद दिला दूं कि हमारे श्रद्धेय नेता प्रधान मंत्री पंडित जवाहरलाल नेहरू जी ने सन् 1956 में वियतनाम की यात्रा की थी और उसके बाद वहां के नेता श्री हो चिमिन्ह यहां आए थे। इसलिए हमारा संबंध वियतनाम के साथ सबसे ऊंचे स्तर पर शुरू से ही रहा है? वियतनाम की स्वतंत्रता की लड़ाई में भारत का संबंध रहा। हम लोग जब अपनी स्वतंत्रता की लड़ाई लड़ रहे थे उस समय से ही भारत की जनता और भारत के नेताओं का उनसे बहुत प्रगाढ़ संबंध रहा है। जहां तक सहयोग की बात है, जो उनसे करारनामा हुआ है वह काफी विस्तृत है जिसमें क्रेडिट के भी अंग हैं। जैसा कि माननीय सदस्य जानते हैं पिछले जमाने में भी बहुत क्रेडिट दिया जा चुका है। खेती के मामलों में, उद्योग के मामलों में, ट्रेनिंग के मामलों में और अन्य सभी मामलों में विस्तार रूप में उनसे बातचीत हुई है। यह बात सही है, माननीय सदस्य ने ठीक ही कहा कि कई कार्यक्रम हैं जिनके संबंध में उनसे बात चीत हुई है, जैसे दूध का उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए उनको भैंसें भेजी गई हैं। यह प्रोग्राम वहां बहुत अच्छा चल रहा है जिसके लिए वहां के, वियतनाम के नेताओं ने, इस पर काफी संतोष व्यक्त किया है।

खेती के प्रोग्राम के जो मामले हैं, जैसे रबर है, और भी दूसरे प्रोग्राम आयल सीड्स के विकास के लिये हैं, ये सब प्रोग्राम इसी दृष्टिकोण से दिये गये हैं ताकि वियतनाम की आर्थिक स्थिति में

प्रगति हो और उसके सहारे हमारी जो जरूरत की चीजें हैं, जो सहयोग का एक आधार है, वहां उनका उत्पादन कर, जो हम उनको कर्जे और दूसरी चीजें देते हैं उसके बदले में वे उन चीजों को हमें दे सकें। जिन चीजों की हमें जरूरत है जैसे कि आयल सीड्स और तिलहन की बात की गई है, वह हमको दे सकें। इसी तरीके से आयल तथा गैस का सहयोग है, मेमोरेन्डम आफ अंडरस्टेंडिंग दी गई है, इसके मामले में भी यही दृष्टिकोण रहा है।

Ganga Basin Conference

*447. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of industrial establishments had been invited to the Ganga Basin Conference held in Calcutta on the 28th November, 1985 but only 18 of them registered for participation; and

(b) if so, how Government propose to involve concerned industries more effectively in the project of cleaning of the Ganga.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Conference was organised by a Society known as the India Centre for Public Health and Environment.

(b) In the Ganga Action Plan, the focus is on control of pollution from the municipal wastes. In addition, separate steps are also proposed to deal with serious industrial pollution in specific locations. An Expert Group has been set up to review the position in consultation with the U.P., Bihar and West Bengal State Pollution Control Boards. The gross polluting industries have been identified. The manner in which pollution treatment is to be undertaken in these industries has also been indicated. Efforts are being made to obtain from each industry, a time-bound programme for setting up effluent treatment facilities.

SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, in the statement it has been mentioned that the gross polluting industries have been identified. What has been the response of these identified industries and what is their number? It has been reported that although 85 of such industries were invited, only a handful turned up. Why is it that there has been such a poor response to the Government's call to come forward and help them in cleanig the Gaga?

SHRI Z. R. ANSARI: Sir, as I said, this conference was called by a private society and they have invited many industries. Out of these industries, as per the information from the Society itself, only 18 industrial units participated. As far as our job in the Ganga Action Plan is concerned, a group, an expert group has been formed to identify those industrial units which are highly pollutant as far as the Ganges is concerned. Sixty-eight such industrial units have been identified and action has been taken against them. Notices have been issued to them to submit detailed project reports by the end of this month, by the end of December. In regard to those units who do not submit the detailed project reports, action will be taken. We shall ask them to submit detailed project reports for treating the effluents which they throw into the Ganges. This is the action which has been taken from our side.

SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Sir, it has been brought to our notice

*The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Usha Malhotra.